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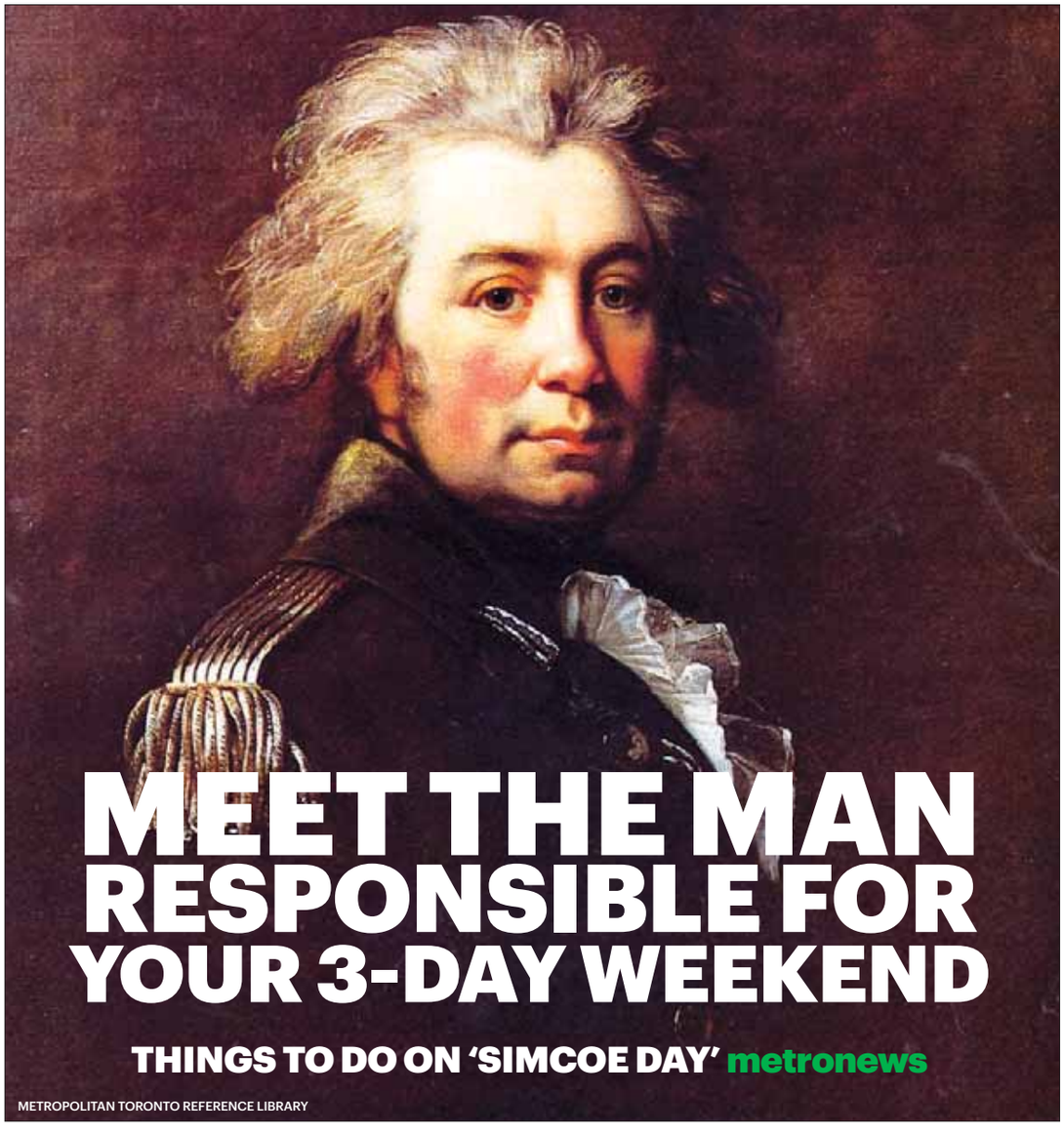

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Pan Am pays off

REPORT

And here are the numbers to prove it

Big spending on tourist attractions, hotels and fast food in Toronto and surrounding event cities turned out to be the unofficial sport of the Pan Am Games, says a new Moneris Solutions Corp. report.

The 16-day event, which wrapped up last Sunday at the Rogers Centre with a spectacular fireworks display, also gave downtown Toronto businesses a 7.7 per cent bigger bang for their buck compared to the same period last year, says the study obtained by Torstar News Service.

In the area between Bloor Street and Harbourfront, and from Jarvis Street to Bathurst Street, it found spending on entertainment — which includes museums, aquariums, theatres and movie theatres, other sports, bowling alleys and golf courses — rose by 53.2 per cent from July 10 to 26.

"That's huge," said Rob Cameron, Moneris' chief product and marketing officer. "The games were the primary draw, but this shows that while people were here they were enjoying all the entertainment and tourist attractions Toronto has to offer."

Fast food sales in Toronto jumped 22.14 per cent compared to last year — the biggest restaurant category by far — while dine-in restaurants were up 3.62 per cent and bars and pubs rose 2.36 per cent, according to the report by Canada's largest processor of debit and credit card payments.

"It appears that visitors, including the athletes, were grabbing stuff on the go as they hopped between Pan Am events and other entertainment," said Cameron.

18.7%

Spending in the city on international credit and debit cards was 18.7 per cent higher than the same time last year, the report found.

The report also found closing ceremonies at the Rogers Centre — which featured Kanye West, Serena Ryder and Pitbull — were more of a financial boost to surrounding businesses than were the opening ceremonies. On the final day, spending in the area (with postal codes beginning with M5V and M5J) jumped 18.7 per cent compared to the same day last year, while the opening festivities attracted 11.9 per cent more sales at nearby restaurants, hotels and bars than on July 10, 2014. Hotel spending in the GTA was up 8.2 per cent compared to the same time last July, says the study, with the number of hotel transactions up 22.62 per cent. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Mannequins sit in the car of a man ticketed for an HOV lane violation. POLICE HANDOUT

HOV LANES

Police hand out 1,735 tix

Officers patrolling Toronto-area highways handed out 1,735 tickets for improper use of the controversial temporary high-occupancy lanes set up on for the Pan Am Games, police said Thursday.

Another 2,000 tickets were issued along the Games road network for other Highway Traffic Act infractions between June 29, when the HOV lanes came into effect, and July 26, the last day of the Games.

"Considering the amount of traffic that's coming in and out of Toronto, we don't see these numbers as excessive at all," said Toronto police Staff Sgt. Devin Kealey. "When you take those two numbers combined... you're ending up with 133 tickets per day."

Efforts were made to ensure motorists knew about the lanes ahead of time, he said.

"We felt that the public certainly had an adjusting period at the beginning but for the most part, they definitely got on side and that's why we found the HOV lanes flowed as well as they did."

Some, nonetheless broke the rules.

"You'd have definitely tourists coming into the area that weren't familiar with the HOV lanes and then you'd have people that basically took their chances and decided that they were going to go into the lanes no matter what," Kealey said.

Only vehicles carrying three people or more were allowed in the lanes during that time, in an attempt to encourage carpooling.

The HOV lanes will remain until Aug. 18, a few days after the Parapan Am Games wrap up, but are now open to vehicles with two or more people inside.

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Brace for a TTC fare hike: City

TRANSIT

Massive shortfall predicted as service seeks even more cash

TTC riders are already being warned to brace for higher fares again next year and transit officials are warning that the long, untouched cash fare is due for a hike if not in 2016, soon after that.

The TTC is predicting a $99 million shortfall on a projected estimated operating budget of about $1.8 billion in 2016.

But, in its very early projections, the city, which subsidizes about a third of those costs, is figuring in a fare increase equal to about $30 million. Council won't vote on the city budget, including the TTC subsidy, until early in the New Year.

So it's very early in the process, cautioned Coun. Josh Colle, the TTC board chair.

But on Thursday, that board's budget committee asked transit staff to report back on a number of fare scenarios, including increases, freezes and the implications of restricting an increase to the cash fare or Metropass versus spreading the pain across the system.

"Commissioners earlier on in the (budget) process have to see what all those options are — a big increase, a modest one, no increase at all — because that forces decisions. So that report will come back to the next budget committee and certainly the fare increase is something we'll have to consider," he said.

The staff report would also look at the implications of Presto fare card implementation on the fare structure. The cards are supposed to be available across the TTC by the end of next year.

> **"Somewhere in the not-too-distant future cash fare will probably have a serious jump.**
> TTC chair Josh Colle

The $3 cash fare has been static since 2010 when it was increased 25 cents. Adding another quarter to that price would allow riders to pay in cash using the coins they would typically have in their pockets, said Colle.

"At some point there will have to be a really significant cash fare, probably not this year, when we want to move to Presto. Somewhere in the not-too-distant future cash fare will probably have a serious jump just to get people to the card," said Colle.

This year, the TTC hiked the price of a token by a dime and upped the cost of a Metropass by $93 a year to put an additional $29 million toward operating.

Colle said he wants to upend the TTC budget process by providing the board and riders with potential enhancements, particularly more express bus service, and making the case that the city should help pay for it. The current process assumes the same subsidy as last year so that costs are allocated to fit that amount.

The budget committee presentation suggests the TTC is looking for a $573 million subsidy next year from the city, about $90 million more than this year.

The annualized cost of the $95 million in service improvements this year, including free rides for children 12 and under and the restoration of service cut in 2012, will be $45 million.

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$1.8 billion
TTC's estimated operating budget for 2016.

$99 million
Projected shortfall in next year's budget.

$29 million
Money added to 2015 revenue by price increases.

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POLITICS

Ontario Grits accuse PM of abandoning workers

Ontario's Liberals waded into the looming federal election Thursday, accusing Prime Minister Stephen Harper of abandoning workers in the province by refusing to co-operate on a new provincial pension plan.

Ottawa has warned the province it will not make any legislative changes to treat the proposed Ontario Retirement Pension Plan like the Canada Pension Plan, and would provide no federal help to collect contributions or administer the scheme.

"This is a cynical, partisan stunt, executed on the eve of a federal election campaign," said Ontario Finance Minister Charles Sousa. "He's slapping the face of Ontarians by taking the actions that he's doing today, and that's uncalled for."

Two-thirds of Ontario workers do not have a workplace pension, and Harper knows that CPP payments averaging $6,900 a year will not provide adequate retirement income, added Sousa. However, Harper will get a pension of $191,000 a year when he leaves office, he said.

"What he's telling you is fend for yourself, but not him," said Sousa. "He's going to have a gold-plated pension plan that's going to provide tremendous benefit for future years for himself, but he's denying that very right to the people of Ontario."

Responding to Sousa's accusations, federal Employment Minister Pierre Poilievre said Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne and Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau are bent on increasing taxes.

"We are committed to doing everything possible to stop the massive Trudeau-Wynne payroll tax hike on middle-class families," said Poilievre. "We will not help Justin Trudeau and Kathleen Wynne implement their dangerous scheme to take money from workers and their families, kill jobs, and damage the economy."

The federal government already has a co-operative agreement with the Quebec Pension Plan and it made legislative changes to the Income Tax Act in 2010 to allow higher contributions to the Saskatchewan Pension Plan, noted Sousa.

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Toronto officer steps up 'big'

COMMUNITY

Sgt. Matthew Routh aided mother and her autistic son

Jessica Smith Cross
Metro | Toronto

Deidre Lam was stuck when she called the police for the first time earlier this month.

"I didn't know what to expect," she said in an interview with Metro. "Sometimes, you hear a wonderful story, but sometimes you hear horror stories about experiences with a police officer."

This turned out to be a wonderful story, and Lam wants to publicly thank the officer who helped her.

"It was pouring rain outside that day," recalled Sgt. Matthew Routh, a 16-year Toronto Police Service veteran.

"The call went out for a mother and son out front of Fairview Mall, reporting that the son, Andre, was an autistic child who was fixated on the television screen outside the mall. Mom couldn't get him back to the car."

Forty minutes earlier, Andre, who has Down syndrome and autism, was in the back seat of the car on the way home from camp when he spotted lights on electronic billboards outside the mall and became fixated, recalled Lam.

"He managed to slide out of the safety belt and start opening the doors at the back of the car, but luckily the doors were child-locked," recalled Lam. "I parked, and while I was going to strap him back in, he climbed into the driver's seat, hopped out, and started running down the street."

I know this doesn't look like a major thing, but for the life of a family with a special needs kids, it was a big thing for me.
Deidre Lam

Andre gets a chance to thank Toronto police Sgt. Matthew Routh for helping him and his mother out of a tough situation. COURTESY TORONTO POLICE SERVICE

Lam chased the 11-year-old several blocks back to Fairview Mall, where he became fixated on a billboard. He began staring and wouldn't budge.

At 5-foot-3, Andre's very strong, agile and much too big to carry, his mother said. After 40 minutes, she found a passerby and made the call to police.

"The first question, their main concern was, 'Is my child violent?' and I said, 'No, in fact he's very, very gentle, it's just he's got this fixation on this television,'" she said.

Routh arrived about 15 minutes later to find Lam holding an umbrella over Andre. He said, "Hi, Andre," in a gentle voice and put on the flashing lights of his cruiser to draw Andre's attention away from the screens.

It didn't work, at first.

"But all of a sudden, as much as it had been raining before, the heavens truly opened up," Routh said. "It became a deluge and that was enough to distract Andre, and we got him to come over to my car."

Andre wouldn't get in the cramped back seat but became interested in the cruiser. So, Routh drove at a snail's pace up Don Mills Road, waving to Andre while the boy walked hand-in-hand with his mom.

Looking back, Lam said Routh had a knack for dealing with Andre and his kindness made all the difference.

Routh has experience with kids like Andre. When he was younger he was a swimming instructor and taught kids with special needs. He also has experience with situations like Lam's from his days as a paramedic.

"Often times, policemen get a bad rap," Lam said. "I know this doesn't look like a major thing, but for the life of a family with a special needs kid, it was a big thing for me."

For Routh, the pouring rain is all that made the experience unusual: "The kind of crisis that Andre was in, is the kind of thing officers face probably a dozen times across the city every day," he said.

IN BRIEF

Safety Board investigating runaway train incident

The Transportation Safety Board of Canada says it's investigating a runaway train incident at a switching yard north of Toronto.

A spokesman for CN Rail says there were no injuries when a string of cars separated from a switching locomotive at the CN MacMillan Yard in Vaughan, Ont.

Mark Hallman says the incident occurred on Wednesday when 91 cars collided at low speed with other freight cars in the yard.

Hallman says there was no release of dangerous good. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Two charged in man's death

Toronto police say two people are facing charges in the death of a 43-year-old man whose body was found following a fire on May 17.

Police allege a man who was visiting Paul Ventura's apartment set it on fire.

John Jackman, 47, of Toronto is charged with first-degree murder and arson with disregard for human life. And 43-year-old Lulieta Dalipi of Toronto is charged with accessory after the fact to murder and attempting to obstruct justice. THE CANADIAN PRESS

KRAFT DINNER OFFISHALLY REBRANDED Canadian rapper Kardinal Offishall brandishes a pair of shiny new KD boxes at the corner of Queen and Manning Thursday, as Kraft Canada officially announced that the name Kraft Dinner would be changing to KD. The Toronto native proudly explained that he's happy to lend his name to a product that is both affordable and that's been a staple in his life since his youngest years growing up in the city's east end. LIZ BEDDALL/METRO

6 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT THE NEW BILLY BISHOP TUNNEL

The long-awaited tunnel to Billy Bishop Airport opened Thursday, replacing a 90-second ferry ride with 240 metres of escalators and moving sidewalks. Federal Transportation Minister Lisa Raitt and Mayor John Tory were on hand for the official ribbon cutting, with Tory hailing the tunnel as a "modern, practical connection between the airport and the mainland." Here are six questions we've answered about Toronto's newest transit gateway. **LUKE SIMCOE** METRO

1 How deep is it?

The tunnel is built about 30 metres underground. The elevator ride down is enough to make your ears pop, and the series of escalators on the other end are rather steep.

2 How much did it cost?

The price tag for the tunnel is $82.5 million, the majority of which will be covered by a $20 airport improvement fee paid by departing passengers. Annual maintenance costs are expected to be around $8.5 million.

3 Is it faster?

With the moving sidewalks clicking along at 2.3 kilometres per hour, officials estimate it will take passengers about six minutes to travel through the tunnel. However, if you pick up the pace you can make the trip in about the same time as it took by boat — minus the wait to board, of course.

The new Billy Bishop Airport tunnel offers the option of traditional foot power or moving sidewalks. LUKE SIMCOE/METRO

4 Wasn't it supposed to open last year?

The tunnel was originally slated to open in fall 2014. However, the project was delayed a number of times due to everything from construction issues to permit scuffles with the city. The Toronto Port Authority blamed the most recent round of delays on the harsh winter, which hindered construction.

5 What happens to the ferry?

Passengers who prefer to make the trip by boat can still make use of the ferry. However, the vessel's primary purpose will be to move vehicles back and forth between the airport and the mainland.

6 Is Rob Ford to thank?

That depends on who you ask. The former mayor released a statement Thursday that took a shot at John Tory's conflict of interest on the file — Tory's son has lobbied the city to allow jets at the airport. Ford credited his former administration with pushing the tunnel project forward.

Not all of Ford's council colleagues agreed with the sentiment.

"Don't buy his spin," Coun. Josh Matlow tweeted. "It didn't happen on his watch, as he sadly wasn't watching."

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Davenport track plans put on hold

TRANSIT

Elevated line is meant to cut congestion at intersection

Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

Plans for a controversial elevated train track near the Davenport Diamond have been put on hold by the province.

The Environment Ministry won't launch an environmental assessment on the project until October — giving the city and Metrolinx more time to hash out their differences on the line, which is designed to cut congestion.

City council asked for the delay earlier this month.

Ward 18 Coun. Ana Bailao spearheaded the move. She's among those questioning whether a bridge is the right option for separating GO trains from CP Rail traffic near Dupont and Lansdowne.

There's also talk about how adding a GO station at Lansdowne could play into the proposal. The station could connect to the subway and help alleviate traffic on the Dufferin and Jane bus lines, Bailao said.

The project presents opportunities to revamp the community by expanding on green spaces and connecting cycling paths, she said.

"Whether it's a bridge or a trench, it's a huge piece of infrastructure and it needs to be done right," Bailao added.

"I always say that this could be a really good project or a really bad project. It all depends on how it's going to be planned and constructed."

TRACK FACTS

- The elevated track would run nearly two kilometres along the Barrie GO line, from just north of Bloor Street to south of Davenport Road.
- The track would be at its highest just north of Dupont Street.
- The Davenport Diamond is the meeting of a north-south rail line and two east-west lines. GO trains are being slowed by a bottleneck in the area.

Wheelys bicycle cafés could hit Toronto streets soon. CONTRIBUTED

STREET FOOD

New baristas will be on bikes

Luke Simcoe
Metro | Toronto

Coffee lovers in Toronto may soon be able to get their brew by bicycle.

Wheelys Café, based in Sweden, builds custom bikes that serve as pop-up coffee shops. A recent Indiegogo campaign for the company raised more than $170,000 in less than a week.

There's no confirmed launch date, but a spokesperson for Wheelys said bikes have been sold to aspiring baristas in Toronto.

Each Wheelys bike costs $2,900 U.S. and features running water, three burners for making pour-over coffee and cases for things like pastries. A deluxe version of the bike even comes with a portable greenhouse for growing coffee beans.

Wheelys operates as a franchise, with operators keeping 90 per cent of the money. The company has already generated significant buzz in Europe and has the backing of Y Combinator, a popular seed funder that also invested in Reddit and Airbnb.

According to the city, local Wheelys operators will likely have to be licensed as non-motorized food carts.

In addition to applying for an annual licence and various permits, the bikes will be required to operate at least 25 metres from traditional restaurants.

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As part of the ongoing revitalization of Union Station, Metrolinx worked with the City of Toronto to create the York GO Concourse. The all-new 62,000-square-foot space improves access to and from trains as well as through all of Union Station, helping you get where you need to go both faster and easier.

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Carby had encounter with police

INVESTIGATION

Man previously apprehended under Mental Health Act

One month before he was shot dead by a Peel Regional Police officer, Jermaine Carby was apprehended under Ontario's Mental Health Act after attempting to disarm a Toronto police officer, Torstar News Service has learned.

After he was taken to hospital following apprehension by police, Carby threatened to commit suicide by hanging or injecting air into his veins through a syringe.

Information detailing Carby's mental health apprehension was provided to his relatives during a meeting with the Special Investigations Unit last week, after the police watchdog ruled the unnamed officer who killed Carby during a traffic stop last September would not face criminal charges.

Carby's family recorded the meeting with SIU officials, including director Tony Loparco, and provided Torstar News Service with audio from the meeting. The family has also provided the coroner's and toxicology reports.

Peel regional police forensic identification officers investigate the scene of a police shooting on Queen Street, east of Kennedy Road, in Brampton on Sept. 25, 2014. CHRIS SO/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

The information sheds new light on Carby's mental health challenges — including suicidal tendencies — and raises fresh questions about how much the Peel officers knew about Carby's background in the moments before he was killed.

Carby's family was told at the meeting that the in-car computer Carby's name was run through would have reported that he had "suicidal tendencies," "mental instability" and had previously tried to disarm an officer.

"We're asking, why wasn't someone from the mental health unit called? Why didn't they deal with this information better, being that they knew this?" said La Tanya Grant, Carby's cousin.

Jermaine Carby was shot and killed by Peel police in Brampton in September 2014. CONTRIBUTED

Carby, 33, was shot three times on September 24, 2014, after the black Jetta in which he was a passenger was pulled over for a traffic stop in Brampton.

Moments after being pulled over, the officer ran Carby's name through the Canadian Police Information Centre (CPIC), a national database that includes criminal files, and discovered Carby had a lengthy criminal record and outstanding warrants from British Columbia.

According to the SIU investigation, when the officer questioned Carby about the warrants, he pulled out a knife and moved toward officers, prompting one of two officers who arrived as backup to shoot.

But when the officer who made the initial traffic stop ran Carby's name through his in-car computer, CPIC also cautioned the officer, via a warning note, that Carby had previously attempted to disarm a police officer, the family was told in the meeting.

The caution, which stated Carby had also threatened suicide and wanted police to shoot him, is in reference to an Aug. 19, 2014 incident when Carby was apprehended under the Mental Health Act by Toronto police.

It's not clear, however, how much of the information about Carby's mental health was seen by the officer who searched his name.

SIU officials said at the meeting that the unnamed officer who ran Carby's name through CPIC said he saw the information about the BC warrants and the caution that he had attempted to disarm an officer, but "never said he saw the rest of it," said an SIU official.

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A holiday by any name is sweet

Whether you call it Natal Day, Heritage Day or even just Civic Holiday, it all amounts to the same: A day off in the middle of summer. Here in Toronto, it's known as Simcoe Day, in honour of John Graves Simcoe, the first lieutenant governor of Upper Canada. If you're curious who Simcoe was, why we get a day off because of him, or even if you just want to know what you can get up to this long weekend, Metro has you covered.

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ONE HOLIDAY, MANY NAMES

The Civic Holiday is known by a number of names across Canada, including Heritage Day in Alberta, Natal Day in Nova Scotia and the less-than-creative British Columbia Day in B.C.

A 2005 attempt to extend the moniker Simcoe Day across Ontario failed, and the holiday is officially known as Emancipation Day outside of Toronto.

However, several Ontario municipalities have named the day in honour of their founders, including George Hamilton Day in Hamilton and Peter Robinson Day in Peterborough.

JOHN GRAVES SIMCOE

Simcoe, an accomplished military commander, first came to North America as a British soldier during the American Revolutionary War.

He participated in a number of battles in and around Boston, even squaring off against a young George Washington.

He entered politics in 1790 and was named lieutenant governor of Upper Canada in 1792. His accomplishments at the post include moving the capital to York (what is now Toronto) and abolishing slavery in the province.

Although ill health forced Simcoe to return to England in 1796, he left behind his daughter, Katherine, who died in infancy and is buried in Victoria Memorial Square near Fort York.

Editor's note: The author of this piece is of no relation to John Graves Simcoe.

Re-enactments are a traditional part of annual events to mark Simcoe Day at Fort York. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

What's on around town this weekend

OVO FEST

Drake's annual ode to Toronto gets underway Saturday and features performances by J. Cole and comedian Kevin Hart.

The Six God himself takes the stage Monday.

VELD

The biggest event in electronic music in Toronto returns to Downsview Park on Saturday and Sunday with sets from Deadmaus, ASAP Rocky and Steve Aoki.

SCARBOROUGH RIBFEST

The grill gets fired up on Friday for the four-day long barbecue festival in Thomson Memorial Park.

TIFF IN THE PARK

On Friday night, TIFF takes over Moss Park for a screening of The Good Lie starring Reese Witherspoon.

The projector starts rolling at 9 p.m.

MAKER FESTIVAL

Makers unite at Toronto's Reference Library on Saturday and Sunday. It's a celebration of all things DIY, from yarnbombing to 3-D printing.

Admission is free.

CULTURE

Pan American Food Festival will see chefs compete onstage

Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

Another Pan American celebration has landed in Toronto — but this one isn't related to sports.

Seasoned chefs representing each of the 41 countries in the Americas will be cooking it up through Aug. 3 at Toronto's third Pan American Food Festival.

"Toronto is a city of international cuisine," said Francisco Alvarez, the festival's board chair. "Through the diversity of food, we want to celebrate the diversity of cultures that exist in the Americas and the Caribbean."

Though not directly related to the Pan Am and Parapan Am Games, the original idea for the festival has a link to the Games. It was born after local Latin American communities were challenged to develop initiatives that would capture the Pan American spirit.

The festival includes a series of cooking demonstrations and competitions, with more than 40 chefs on stage near Daniels Spectrum in Regent Park. There's also a full lineup of dancing and music.

One of the big goals: Killing the stereotype that all food south of the U.S. border is "just hot and spicy," Alvarez said.

"There has been a lot of mixing of South American and Canadian flavours and recipes with ingredients that are available here," he said. "You can definitely discover dishes that are hybrid and totally new."

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5 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN

Stephen Harper is poised to fire the starting gun for the Oct. 19 federal election. Sources say the prime minister is set to visit Gov. Gen. David Johnston within days, possibly as soon as Sunday, to formally dissolve Parliament and launch what will be the costliest and — at 11 weeks — one of the longest campaigns in Canadian history. THE CANADIAN PRESS

ISTOCK

1 Number of days

Elections law requires a minimum campaign of 37 days. It does not impose a maximum length. Harper is choosing to make this the longest traditional campaign in Canadian history. Only the first two election campaigns after Confederation were longer — 81 days in 1867 and 96 days in 1872 — but in those early days voting was staggered across the country over a period of several months, necessarily extending the length of the campaigns. Since then, the longest campaign was 74 days in 1926.

JONATHAN HAYWARD/ THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

2 Cha-ching

Due to legislation passed last year by the Harper government, campaign spending limits for parties and candidates will increase by 1/37th for every day longer than 37 days. Even had this campaign lasted just the minimum length, it was already on target to be the costliest in history, with spending limits of about $25 million for each party and an average of $100,000 for each candidate. Those limits will more than double for an 11-week campaign. That gives an advantage to Harper's Conservative Party as its candidates have raised more money than any other party.

ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

3 Campaign costs

Elections Canada estimates that a five-week campaign would cost about $375 million to administer. A longer campaign will mean the agency must pay untold millions more to rent office space, furniture and equipment for returning officers in each of the country's 338 ridings and for staff in those offices. Taxpayers will also foot the bill for much larger rebates to parties and candidates, who receive reimbursements for 50 per cent and 60 per cent, respectively, of their eligible election expenses.

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4 It's debatable

The tradition of holding two televised leaders' debates, the pivotal point of modern election campaigns, will not apply this time. The Conservatives upended that tradition last spring by announcing that Harper would not participate in the one French and one English debate sponsored by a consortium of broadcasters. Instead, there will be a series of at least four debates sprinkled throughout the campaign and sponsored by a variety of sources, starting Aug. 6 with a debate sponsored by Maclean's magazine.

5 Ready, set, vote

Under legislation passed by the Harper government last year, voters will need to produce identification that shows where they live before being allowed to cast ballots. As well, voter information cards sent to all electors by Elections Canada will no longer be considered valid pieces of ID. Electoral experts have warned these two measures could disenfranchise tens of thousands of voters, particularly the elderly, young people and aboriginals who are least likely to have proof of address.

DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

WOMEN'S HEALTH

Cabinet ministers mum on abortion pill

Conservative cabinet ministers shied away Thursday from questions about Health Canada's decision to approve the abortion drug known as RU-486.

Justice Minister Peter MacKay declined to comment on the decision during a stop in Calgary to make an unrelated announcement.

"Oh gosh. I think that would best be directed to (Health) Minister (Rona) Ambrose," he said.

"It is an issue of course for women, families, Canadians everywhere, but I think your question would best be directed to Health Canada. Personal opinions are best kept personal."

Health Canada confirmed late Wednesday that it has approved the drug for use here, a decision that comes two-and-a-half years after the manufacturer's application was submitted.

Women will need to obtain a prescription from a doctor to purchase the pill.

Ambrose told reporters in St. Albert, Alta., that the decision did not rest with her.

"It's out of my hands and the decision is final," she said.

"Any of those details you would have to speak to the officials at Health Canada and the scientists that actually manage the regulatory approval process. I'm not involved in it."

Ambrose cancelled two events scheduled for Thursday afternoon and Friday in Edmonton and area. No reason was given.

A Conservative MP from Saskatchewan strongly condemned the government for approving the drug.

The RU-486 drug has been available since 1988 in France and was approved for use in the United States in 2000.

Vicki Saporta, CEO of the National Abortion Federation and its Canadian offshoot, NAF Canada, has said the drug probably won't be available in Canada until early next year.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

BACKGROUND

The move comes 10 years after the World Health Organization endorsed the drug on its list of essential medicines that all countries should have available.

TERROR TRIAL

Cairo court delays journalist's verdict

Mohamed Fahmy's legal saga was drawn out further on Thursday as an Egyptian court abruptly postponed a much-anticipated verdict in his widely denounced terror trial.

The Canadian journalist — who was first arrested 19 months ago — expressed frustration at the delay, which will now see him return to a Cairo court on Aug. 2.

"It's just mind boggling the way they continue to play with our emotions here," Fahmy told The Canadian Press. "It's very hard on everyone."

The delay means more anxious anticipation for Fahmy, who admitted a postponement of a verdict was not one of the outcomes he had prepared for.

Canada's minister of state for consular affairs said the government was calling on Egypt to use "all the tools at its disposal" to resolve Fahmy's case.

Amidst the stress of the last week, Fahmy added that he and his then-fiancee, Marwa Omara, had married each other.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

AFGHANISTAN

Taliban confirm the death of leader

The Taliban confirmed the death of longtime leader Mullah Mohammad Omar and appointed his successor Thursday, as a new round of peace talks was indefinitely postponed amid concerns over how committed the new leadership is to ending the militant group's 14-year insurgency.

The Afghan Taliban Shura, or Supreme Council, chose Mullah Omar's deputy, Mullah Akhtar Mansoor, as its new leader, two Taliban figures said, adding the seven-member council had met in the Pakistani city of Quetta.

Mansoor is considered close to Pakistani authorities who hosted peace talks earlier this month, and his election could widen an internal split between fighters who favour negotiations with the Afghan government and those who want to continue an insurgency that has gained speed following the end of the international combat mission last year. Mansoor has effectively commanded the movement for the three years since Mullah Omar's previous deputy and co-founder of the movement, Mullah Abdul Baradar, was arrested by Pakistani authorities. Observers say he has the respect of battlefield commanders and is behind the intensification of the war in recent months. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

During 14 years of jihad ... Mullah Omar never left Afghanistan.
Statement from Mullah Omar's family

POLICE KILLINGS

Officer pleads not guilty in shooting

A white U.S. police officer who shot a black motorist after stopping him over a missing licence plate pleaded not guilty Thursday to charges of murder and voluntary manslaughter.

The July 19 death of 43-year-old Samuel DuBose in Cincinnati, Ohio, comes amid months of national scrutiny of police dealings with African-Americans, especially those killed by officers.

Officer Ray Tensing, 25, appeared at his arraignment Thursday wearing a striped jail suit, with his hands cuffed behind him.

When Judge Megan Shanahan set bond at $1 million, people in the courtroom audience cheered and the judge rebuked them. The judge rejected the defence attorney's contention that Tensing wasn't at a flight risk.

Tensing's attorney Stewart Mathews said that there are two sides to the case and that the much-viewed body camera video of the stop can be interpreted differently from the prosecutor's version.

Mathews described Tensing, who is due back in court in August, as "very depressed" and "in shock at this point," adding that Tensing has felt "like he's been run over by a train from the state of the case and it continues." Tensing, who could face up to life in prison if convicted, has said he thought he was going to be dragged under the car and "feared for his life," according to Mathews. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Safari Club suspends hunter after lion killing

An international hunting organization is suspending the membership of the U.S. hunter accused of illegally killing a protected lion in Zimbabwe and wants a "full and thorough investigation" into the lion's death.

Safari Club International, which promotes big-game hunting worldwide, issued a statement Wednesday saying memberships for Walter Palmer and his guide in Zimbabwe, Theo Bronkhorst, will be on hiatus until investigations are complete. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Chimps aren't persons, New York court decides

A judge has dismissed a lawsuit that sought to free two chimpanzees from a New York state university by arguing the animals deserved "personhood" status.

State Supreme Court Justice Barbara Jaffe writes in a decision made public Thursday that she is bound by a higher court's decision from considering the chimps as people. The Nonhuman Rights Project had filed court papers to remove the chimpanzees from Long Island's Stony Brook University. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

French police carry a piece of debris from a plane in Saint-Andre, Reunion Island, on Wednesday. LUCAS MARIE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Solid clue turns up in hunt for MH370

MISSING AIRCRAFT

Investigators say washed-up wing part from a Boeing 777

A sea-crusted wing part that washed up on an island in the western Indian Ocean may be the first trace of Malaysia Airlines Flight 370 since it vanished nearly a year and a half ago — and a tragic but finally solid clue to one of aviation's most perplexing and expensive mysteries.

Malaysia's prime minister said Thursday the debris found on the French island of Reunion will be sent for investigation to the French city of Toulouse, hub of the European aviation industry.

"We have had many false alarms before, but for the sake of the families who have lost loved ones and suffered such heartbreaking uncertainty, I pray that we will find out the truth so that they may have closure and peace," Najib Razak said on his personal blog.

Najib promised to make any new information public quickly.

Air-safety investigators — one of them a Boeing investigator — have identified the component as a "flaperon" from the trailing edge of a Boeing 777 wing, a U.S. official said. Flight 370, which disappeared March 8, 2014 with 239 people on board, is the only 777 known to be missing.

The piece could help investigators figure out how the plane crashed, but whether it will help search crews pinpoint the rest of the wreckage is unclear, given the complexity of the currents in the southern Indian Ocean and how much time has elapsed since the plane disappeared.

"It's the first real evidence that there is a possibility that a part of the aircraft may have been found," said Australian Transport Minister Warren Truss, whose country is leading the search for the plane in a remote patch of ocean far off Australia's west coast. "It's too early to make that judgment, but clearly we are treating this as a major lead." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Warren Truss, Australian transport minister

ISRAEL

Man stabs six at Jerusalem pride parade

Revellers dancing and singing through the streets of Jerusalem during the holy city's annual gay pride parade were left shrieking in pain and panic Thursday night, as an anti-gay extremist lunged into a group leading the march and stabbed six people, Israeli police and witnesses said.

Police said the attacker, Yishai Schlissel, who was arrested at the scene for Thursday's attack, had been released from prison just three weeks ago, after serving a sentence for stabbing several people at the parade in 2005. Six people were wounded in the attack, two of them seriously, Eli Bin of Israel's emergency service said.

Plainclothes police detain a man at Gay Pride in Jerusalem Thursday. SEBASTIAN SCHEINER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Gay Pride Parade was proceeding as planned with party music, Israeli flags and rainbow-clad marchers winding their way through central Jerusalem's barricaded streets, under a heavy police presence.

An Associated Press photographer witnessed the attacker enter the throng of people with his hand in his coat and within seconds raise a knife and begin stabbing people in the back. Police pounced on him and arrested him. The crowd's carefree cheers suddenly gave way to screams. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Bombardier profits down

MANUFACTURING

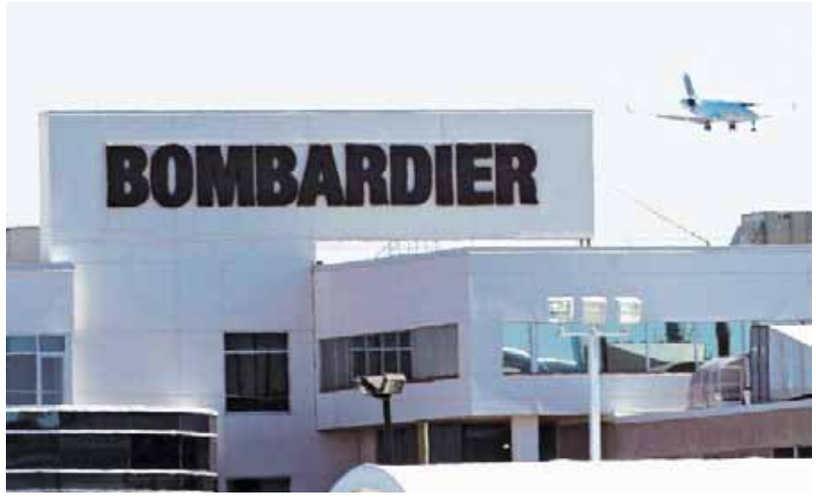
New CEO cutting costs amid slumping sales abroad

Bombardier said it will delay the debut of a new business jet it had touted as an example of its forward thinking as it announced plans Thursday to cut costs amid a drop in profits.

After his first full quarter at the helm, CEO Alain Bellemare said he has a stronger grasp of what the company needs to do to turn around and it is looking to reduce the cost of making its planes and trains.

"After five months on the job, I have a better understanding of our challenges and opportunities," said Bellemare, who took over in February, on a conference call with investors.

"We are taking specific action, including the launch of our Bombardier transformation plan, a disciplined approach to cash management and the strengthening of our leadership team to reshape the company and ensure our long-term success."



A Challenger jet comes in for a landing past the Bombardier plant in Montreal in May. RYAN REMIORZ/THE CANADIAN PRESS

The company said the debut of its new Global 7000 business jet will be delayed until 2018, two years after its original schedule of 2016. Bellemare said a review of the project was nearly complete and that the first test-flight plane is currently being assembled in Toronto.

Bombardier reported a second-quarter profit of $125 million US, down from $155 million a year ago, as a stronger U.S. dollar hurt revenue.

Chief financial officer Pierre Alary said falling demand for its business jets from China and Russia helped drag down its profits, but the company expects demand to rebound in the second half of the year.

Net orders for its business airplanes fell to eight during the second quarter from 30 a year earlier, the company said, while orders for its commercial aircraft fell to three from 18 last year.

$4.6B

Second quarter total revenue, compared to $4.9B in Q2 last year.

In May, the company said it would cut about 1,750 employees in Montreal, Toronto and Ireland, citing the same weak demand for its business jets.

Bombardier is looking for new options for its rail business as it prepares an initial public offering for a minority stake in the division. Bellemare said the company is open to an alternative but it is not considering selling the entire rail unit.

The plane and train maker, which keeps its books in U.S. dollars, said revenue totalled $4.6 billion for the quarter, compared with $4.9 billion in the same quarter last year. However, excluding the impact of foreign exchange, revenue was up two per cent.

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IN BRIEF

Spain's quarterly growth best since pre-crisis

Spain's economy expanded by one per cent in the second quarter compared with the previous three-month period, its best rate since before the economic crisis began in 2007. It was Spain's eight consecutive quarterly growth figure.

Spain was battered by the global financial crisis and only emerged from a double-dip recession at the end of 2013. It still has a 22.4 per cent unemployment rate, the second highest in the European Union after Greece.

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TECHNOLOGY

Nokia sees second-quarter growth

Nokia enjoyed a solid 60 per cent rise in net profit in the second quarter, with a good performance in its core networks division suggesting the Finnish company is succeeding in turning its business around since selling its handsets operation to Microsoft in 2013.

Hannu Rauhala, senior analyst at Pohjola Bank, said the figures dispelled fears among investors that Nokia would suffer from a general sluggishness in global network business.

The profit of 347 million euros ($383 million) beat expectations and Nokia's stock jumped more than 9 per cent to 6.51 euros in midday Helsinki trading.

Overall sales in the period increased 9 per cent to 3.2 billion euros, helped by currency fluctuations but also increased demand for software in mobile broadband and global services.

Nokia CEO Rajeev Suri. MARKKU ULANDER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

"It was a good performance for Nokia, and I think markets had been worried that it too would have shown signs of the general slowdown in the industry," Rauhala said.

Nokia said that the networks unit, which accounts for 85 per cent of total revenue, was expected to see growth of some 8 to 11 per cent for the full year. It also expects improvement in the other two remaining sectors, Here mapping services and Nokia technologies, which handles the lucrative licensing portfolio.

After being the No. 1 global mobile phone maker for 14 years, Nokia was unable to meet the challenges of Apple's iPhone, Samsung and Asian phone makers. It has, however, managed to stage a turnaround since selling its unprofitable handset unit to Microsoft for 5.4 billion euros in 2013.

The new, scaled-down company launched a tablet this year and says it is seeking a partner to return to the cellphone business.

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GREEK DEBT CRISIS

IMF hesitating on third bailout

An International Monetary Fund official says the IMF cannot participate in another Greek bailout until Greece and its creditors make difficult decisions on economic reforms and debt relief.

Briefing reporters on condition of anonymity, the official says Greece needs to commit to reforms and creditors must provide debt relief — extending loan terms or reducing the debt outright — that will allow Greece to pay its bills over time.

"It's always been clear the IMF will only come in once these conditions are in place," he said, suggesting that point is months away.

Still, the fund is participating in ongoing debt talks.

The IMF has said Greece's debts are likely to rise to 200 per cent of its economic output in the next two years, a burden the fund calls unsustainable.

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THE KOHLER REPORT: ON BARE BREASTS

Police officers need to accept that no matter how uncomfortable, nervous or randy a topless lady might make them feel, female bodies aren't indecent.

I used to date a guy who loved to take his shirt off. His favourite place in which to go topless was any sunny one, any hot one or, really, any public one. It wasn't long before I realized he was a douchebag and broke it off. That said, as much as he was a dipstick, had a police officer ever stopped him and told him to put a shirt on, I would have been appalled. In Canada, each of us has a right to be a topless douchebag.

Headlines went gaga this week for three sisters in Kitchener-Waterloo, Ont. They were stopped by police while bike riding top-nude. According to the sisters, the officers' first concern was that they cover up, but when one of the ladies started recording the interaction, police concern mysteriously turned from breasts to bicycle safety (bells, lights, helmets etc.) It seems they knew not to challenge a bare breast on camera.

The long-short story of toplessness in Canada goes something like: In 1991, Gwen Jacob was arrested and found guilty for walking home from the University of Guelph topless (the charge was indecency). In 1996, the Ontario Court of Appeal acquitted Jacob which kinda-pretty-much made it legal for women to go topless in Ontario (a decision which heavily influenced the rest of Canada. Though, as the sisters' ordeal illustrates, the issue is subject to local interpretation — and the selective memories of police.

And now, 20 years later, ladies are still having problems hanging out.

Here's the thing: There are about 13 reasons I personally wouldn't go topless, ranging from quality of breast to fear of burnt areolas to, yes, fear of someone thinking I'm a douchebag. But these are my personal neuroses, and just because I wouldn't do it doesn't mean I don't want to know I *could* do it without someone scolding or humiliating me. I get enough of that in my Boot Camp class at the Y.

Police officers need to be informed and need to accept that, no matter how uncomfortable, nervous or randy a topless lady might make them feel, female bodies aren't indecent.

Consider: Last month, a topless 8-year-old girl was asked to cover up at a public pool in Guelph, Ont. Isn't that gross? It was her first lesson in the difference between the sexes. There is nothing sexual about a little girl, so why ask her to put on a shirt? Because she needs to know that this is the way it's going to be. It's like training wheels for being oppressed.

While the seasonal climate might be right to go topless, we need to improve the social one, big time. I say it's time we train them. Take it all off, ladies! (Unless you don't want to!) I think we should saturate our culture in breasts until the only people that find it distracting are hungry babies.

Rebecca Kohler is a standup comic, writer, actor, gymnast, lawyer and chemist. (Some of this isn't true.) Follow her on Twitter @becca_kohler.

Happy face/Sad face

From **missing mixtapes** to **troves of treasure,**
Metro weighs in on the news making headlines this week

Historic hip-hop heist

Legendary DJ Grandmaster Flash has had his record collection — and a piece of music history — stolen from a New York parking garage. A valet was duped into giving the DJ's car, and three crates of rare, vintage, vinyl records, to an imposter. The artist, whose real name is Joseph Saddler, had the records because he was working on a TV show about the 1970s music scene. Saddler was one of the first to combine rap lyrics with cut-up funk and soul tracks to create a new genre: hip-hop.

SOURCE: BBC

Singing loud and free, finally

Happy birthday to ... stop right there, or you'll have to pay. But that may be about to change. Happy Birthday to You, which dates to the 1890s, is still under copyright. Now, a film crew is suing the song's owner, Warner/Chappell, claiming they have proof it should be in the public domain: A 1927 reprint that predates Warner's 1935 copyright by eight years. If a judge agrees, the song could soon be a free accompaniment to ice cream and cake.

SOURCE: WASHINGTON POST

Caped crusader with car trouble

Drivers on Ontario's Highway 401 near Napanee on Sunday were agape as they watched Batman, in his Batsuit, working on his Batmobile. Stephen Lawrence — a.k.a. the Brampton Batman — was driving home from a charity event when he heard an odd noise and stopped to inspect the problem. But by then, traffic was backed up with people trying to glimpse the masked man working on his vehicle without the aid of superpowers.

SOURCE: THE CANADIAN PRESS

Fishing for a fortune in Florida

Members of a Florida family who have been diving in the Atlantic for treasure for years have finally struck gold. Rick and Lisa Schmitt and their children found $1 million worth of gold artifacts from the wreckage of a 1715 Spanish fleet. The booty included 51 coins and 12 metres of gold chain, according to Fleet-Queens Jewels, which owns the wreckage. (The Schmitts were diving under a contract). The spoils will be split between the company, the Schmitts and a museum. SOURCE: REUTERS

ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

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We may need to see the perils of smart weapons to believe

We've always excelled at imagining our own demise.

It's cathartic to sink into a story of ultimate despair, then emerge to see that it's not that bad, yet. No need to worry.

But the heavy brains of the world aren't just worrying, but urging us to wake up and smell the impending doom.

Top artificial-intelligence researchers and science figures, including Elon Musk and Stephen Hawking, issued a dire warning this week.

Artificial intelligence is "the third revolution in warfare, after gunpowder and nuclear arms," they wrote in an open letter. "The key question for humanity today is whether to start a global AI arms race or to prevent it from starting."

"Experts warn of killer robots," shouted the headlines. Enter your preferred pop-culture reference (mine's The Matrix).

At the University of Alberta, computer science professor Csaba Szepesvari was one of the letter's signatories. He studies how computers can process data in a way that lets them learn and make decisions, a critical step to operating intelligently and independently of humans.

With AI, "War becomes quite a different game," he said. "Compassionate decisions are removed."

It's not a matter of terminator cyborgs, necessarily; AI technology is becoming cheap and accessible enough that something more rudimentary but no less deadly — like a quadrotor armed with a bomb — could appear in years, not decades.

"The scariest part of it is you start to give it autonomy," Szepesvari said. Then, imagine it's infected by a bug — or hacked.

The signatories envision a different future, one in which AI is used for good.

Computers could design, execute and analyze their own experiments. Autonomous cars are here, and researchers have been developing AI robots to respond to disasters.

"There is a lot of hype around AI and a lot of misunderstanding," Szepesvari said. Killer robots aren't going to wipe out humans in 10 years, he noted, but "Average folk should pressure their governments to prevent this arms race."

I'm not sure I trust militaries to resist the temptation, or at the very least, I have a bad case of the cynicals. Industrialized societies seem addicted to invention and allergic to preparing for the consequences. Many turning points in climate-change action came only after people began to witness its effects. When it comes to the peril of AI weapons, will we need to see it to believe it?

And then, will it be too late?

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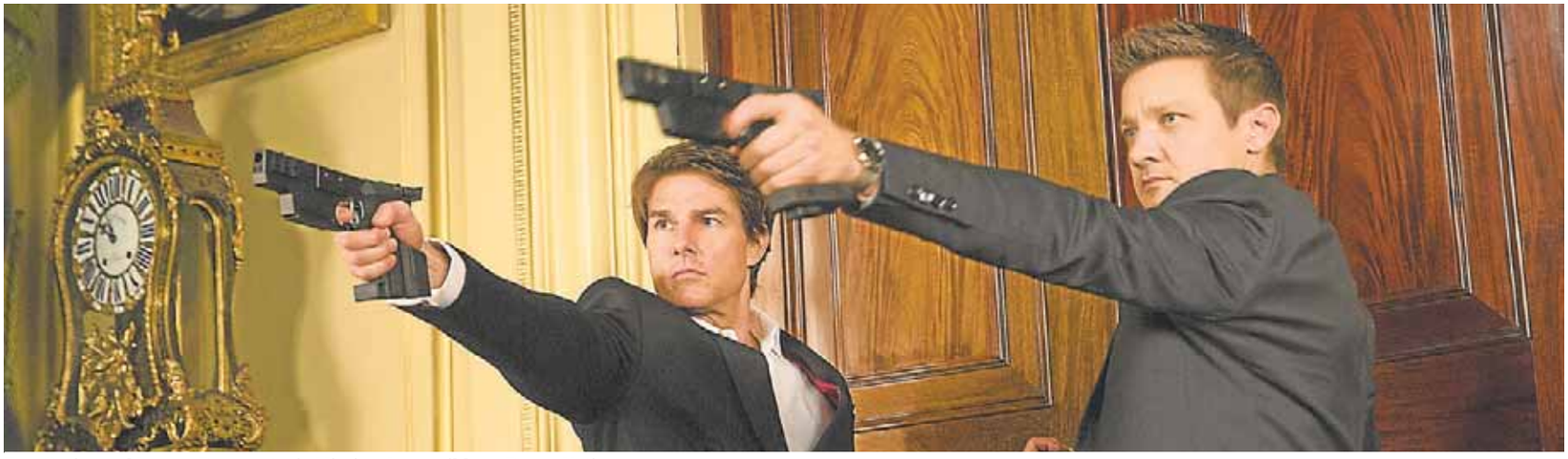

Tom Cruise and Jeremy Renner star in Mission: Impossible — Rogue Nation. DAVID JAMES/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Real stunts add to the action

ACTION

It's not just nostalgia for pre-CG days, stunts impress

IN FOCUS

Richard Crouse

Check the IMDB page for Mission: Impossible — Rogue Nation. You'll learn that Tom Cruise clung to the outside of an Airbus A400M at an elevation of 5000 feet, held his breath for six minutes underwater and performed dangerous driving scenes all without the aid of an on-camera stuntperson.

It's not that he is trying to break the stunt union or put anyone out of work. Instead it is Cruise's commitment to making sure the stunts in his films have a true, palpable sense of danger to them.

Much of what we see on screen these days is computer generated, illusions made up of bits and bytes, but many of the truly eye catching images we've seen in movies this summer were created the old fashioned way.

Remember the "car drop" scene from Furious 7? Stunt coordinator (and former Knight Rider stunt driver) Jack Gill actually arranged for autos to be launched out of a C-130 Hercules four-engine turboprop military transport aircraft. They shot the scene twice. First aerial photographers in parachutes followed the cars as they dove from an altitude of 12,000 feet and then again from 8000 feet to get helicopter shots. The result is a wild sequence that feels like a roller-coaster ride with real cars.

After years of "following the CG evolution," using computer generated images to create beautiful animated films like Happy Feet and Babe: A Pig in the City, Mad Max: Fury Road director George Miller says he was keen to go back to "old school" filmmaking "with real cars and real people and real desert."

That means, unlike the Avengers and their ilk, respecting the laws of physics by using practical effects and keeping the action earthbound. In other words, in a call back to the original Max films — Mad Max, Mad Max 2: The Road Warrior and Beyond Thunderdome — when a car blows up it doesn't rocket into space. Instead it explodes spectacularly but organically. The wild action you see in Fury Road are actual stunts performed by stunt men and women and not generated by a clever computer operator in a studio. "It was like going back to your old home town and looking at it anew," Miller says.

Nicholas Hoult, who plays Nux in Fury Road, says having the stunts performed for real added to his performance.

"Because it was all real it actually makes your job a lot easier," he said. "Rather than being on a stage and having to pretend that things are happening around you and react to nothing, things are actually happening and your reactions are real."

Carla Gugino says there was quite a bit of greenscreen action in her earthquake movie San Andreas, but adds director Brad Peyton "wanted to do as much in camera as possible."

In one pivotal scene she and Dwayne Johnson are in a helicopter flying above the carnage.

"The helicopter was in a stage, on a greenscreen," she says, "but was on a gimbal many, many feet up that literally dropped, dove and spun. We were twenty-five feet off the ground."

"I think it makes a difference in watching the movie too. It feels much more viscerally connected."

So filmmakers and actors love giving audiences the real deal thrill of practical effects, but how did Tom Cruise, what feel about hanging on to the side of an aircraft in full flight?

"I was actually scared s—less," he says.

MOVIE RATINGS by Richard Crouse

Mission: Impossible — Rogue Nation ★★★★
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INTERVIEW

Mission: Possible — Actress overcame vertigo to do stunts

Rebecca Ferguson did all her own stunts in Mission: Impossible — Rogue Nation. CHIABELLA JAMES/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Richard Crouse
For Metro

When Rebecca Ferguson was cast as Ilsa Faust in Mission: Impossible — Rogue Nation, she didn't know exactly what she was getting into. "This is a Mission film," says the Swedish actress. "You process that in your head. It means action. I don't know what kind of action, but it will be action."

Ferguson, who is best known for period dramas like BBC's The White Queen and The Cousin's War, expected the role would be physical, but adds, "they were kind enough not to inform me about the high jumps that were to be held on the first day of shooting."

She describes her first stunt, a 75-feet leap from the roof of the Vienna Opera House, as, "completely, absolutely gobsmackingly terrifying."

"I told them, 'Look, I'm great underwater. I dive. I love all that. Jumping off buildings? I'm thinking no.' They said, 'That's fine. We have stunt doubles.' I went, 'Stunt doubles? No, no, no, no, no. What do I have to do?'"

For weeks she trained six hours a day to meet the physical demands of the shoot and mentally prepared to overcome her vertigo for the Opera House stunt. "We just worked our way up and got to 75 feet," she says. "I did the jump."

What went through her mind as she stepped off the building? "Don't look down and keep your legs wrapped tightly around Tom. Jump and look cool."

She says she was not forced into the stunt and could always have said no, but ultimately enjoyed doing it.

"I love the intensity of the action sequences. There is an energy that is just incredible and your heart is beating."

The 32-year-old actress, who will next be seen opposite Meryl Streep in the Stephen Frears film Florence Foster Jenkins, says in those moments of stress she becomes very focused. Later though, the weight of the situation sinks in.

"After," she says, "it hits me. I go, 'Is that Tom Cruise? Am I kicking ass with Tom Cruise?'"

MOVIE NEWS

Latest in spy franchise arrives at perfect time

"This may very well be our last mission," says Jeremy Renner's character, IMF agent William Brandt, in Mission: Impossible — Rogue Nation. If it is the last, or one of the last, with Tom Cruise as lead, then the team looks to go out with a bang, and Paramount Pictures is keen to give this week's release Rogue Nation every chance of success.

With the new release landscape looking relatively clear of challengers in the coming months, Mission: Impossible — Rogue Nation could be Hollywood's biggest action film for the rest of the summer season after its July 31 debut.

Budgets for Mission: Impossible films have stabilized at around $150M, and for 2011's Mission: Impossible — Ghost Protocol that budget translated into a franchise record $695M box office take.

If Rogue Nation does the same it would become the fifth biggest hit of the year — at least until Star Wars and Spectre arrive.

AFP

THE TV DINNER JESSICA ALLEN

Tom Cruise is back in Mission: Impossible – Rogue Nation. There are motorcycle and car chases and shirtless martial arts and gun fights. That sounds like my action-packed kitchen when I make a pie

Even after reading Going Clear: Scientology, Hollywood & the Prison of Belief, I can still suspend my disbelief when I see Tom Cruise on the big screen. He is Maverick; he is Jack Reacher; he is Ethan Hunt.

On July 31, Cruise is back in Mission: Impossible — Rogue Nation. Hunt's team has been disbanded by the new CIA boss (Alec Baldwin) but when a multinational group of ex-operatives goes rogue, they must save the day. There are motorcycle and car chases and shirtless martial arts and gun fights.

That sounds like my action-packed kitchen when I make a pie. There are life-and-death decisions that need to be made, starting with: What will I put in the pie? What I am about to say will be so controversial that you may hope this story self-destructs: I do not mix fruit. I want blueberry pie — not blueberry and peach pie. And I know that strawberries will help cut the sour of rhubarb but why in hell would I want to do that?

Then there's the crust itself. First of all, humidity, temperature, even altitude, need to be considered, although I never consider them. Also, the clock is ticking: Overwork the pastry and you'll get a brick, plus, none of the ingredients can't get too warm. Speaking of ingredients, pie crust may only be flour, fat and water, but it's the most contentious recipe in the history of mankind. Because what fat will you choose to make it?

THE MOVIE: Mission Impossible

THE DISH: Rhubarb pie

I spoke with 10 Canadian home bakers who were all pie-making champions for one of the first stories I ever wrote for Maclean's. They all used either lard (rendered pork fat, like Tenderflake) or shortening for their flaky, winning crusts. But professional bakers almost always use butter, which is far less forgiving but produces a better-tasting pastry.

I've attempted dozens of variations, from all-butter recipes to the one that's on the Crisco box. But I've never rolled out a crust without swearing. That being said, a combination of fats bodes best for me. "Butter gives the pastry its flavour and texture," Julia Child wrote in Mastering the Art of French Cooking, while vegetable shortening "has a tenderizing effect that almost all American flours seem to need."

On Sunday, I set out to make a rhubarb pie using half butter and half shortening. I had exactly the two-and-a-half-cups of flour that the Joy of Cooking recipe called for. Jackpot! Only, it smelled musty (I haven't baked since Christmas) and that left me nothing for rolling out the pastry. Off to the grocery store I went. Eventually, I pulled from the oven something resembling a pie. It didn't look like Martha Stewart made it. But it was delicious. Maybe, as Stewart herself might say, that's a good thing.

Jessica Allen is the digital correspondent on CTV's The Social.

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ACTION & ADVENTURE

Mission: Impossible — Rogue Nation

Director: Christopher McQuarrie
Starring: Tom Cruise, Rebecca Ferguson

With the IMF disbanded, and Ethan (Tom Cruise) out in the cold, the team now faces off against a network of highly skilled agents hellbent on creating a new world order.

ROTTEN TOMATOES™ SCORE
Critics: 90% Audience: +98%

COMEDY

Vacation

Director: John Francis Daley, Jonathan M. Goldstein
Starring: Christina Applegate, Ed Helms

Ed Helms stars in this reboot of the Vacation series as Rusty Griswald, the son of Chevy Chase's iconic character in the original four films. Horrible Bosses' helmers John Francis Daley and Jonathan M. Goldstein write and direct.

ROTTEN TOMATOES™ SCORE
Critics: 28% Audience: +95%

DOCUMENTARY

Bikes vs Cars

Director: Fredrik Gertten
Starring: Jay Hernandez, Robbie Amell

Against a backdrop of global warming, degraded urban air quality, stress and frustration, documentarian Fredrik Gertten follows the money to show how the auto industry has rewritten the rules over the past century to create a gridlocked, car-devoted world.

ROTTEN TOMATOES™ SCORE
Critics: No reviews yet Audience: +50%

DOCUMENTARY

Best Of Enemies

Director: Morgan Neville, Robert Gordon
Starring: Gore Vidal, William F. Buckley

In the summer of 1968, television news changed forever. Dead last in the ratings, ABC hired two towering public intellectuals to debate politics. It was unlike anything TV had ever broadcast and a new era in public discourse was born.

ROTTEN TOMATOES™ SCORE
Critics: 97% Audience: +83%

DOCUMENTARY

A Lego Brickumentary

Director: Daniel Junge, Kief Davidson
Starring: Jason Bateman, Jamie Berard

This documentary playfully delves into the extraordinary impact of the LEGO brick, its massive global fan base, and the innovative uses for it that has sprung up around the world.

ROTTEN TOMATOES™ SCORE
Critics: 43% Audience: +90%

DRAMA

Southpaw

Director: Antoine Fuqua
Starring: Jake Gyllenhaal, Rachel McAdams

Billy Hope seemingly has it all with an impressive career, a beautiful and loving wife an adorable daughter and a lavish lifestyle. When tragedy strikes and his lifelong manager and friend (Curtis "50 Cent" Jackson) leaves him behind, Hope hits rock bottom and turns to an unlikely saviour at a run-down local gym.

ROTTEN TOMATOES™ SCORE
Critics: 50% Audience: 78%

Married, with children on the road

INTERVIEW

Applegate hits the road in the latest of the Vacation series

Ned Ehrbar
Metro | Hollywood

Christina Applegate takes the ultimate American family road trip in Vacation, but she didn't necessarily have a lot of personal experience to draw upon.

The movie looks like it was fun to make.
Luckily for us, we had a group of people that made it really fun. Some of the circumstances physically were kind of difficult, but we all were going through it together. This group isn't a group to complain, so it all was fine.

What kind of circumstances?
Hanging upside down (on a stopped roller-coaster). That one pushed me over the edge. That was one of those moments that they were like, "OK, can you just do the scene one more time?" And I was like, "No. Turn us back around."

Everyone else seemed to be fine, but I really thought I was going to pass out or something really bad was going to happen to my brain.

Roller-coasters were never really my idea of fun.
I always love a good roller-coaster, but that one was a tad rickety for me. When you feel like, "Wow, this actually could give me whiplash," that's never a good sign.

Have you gone on many family road trips yourself?
I didn't really have a family, so much. I grew up with a single mom as an only child.

My dad's family, we would go camping sometimes in his pop-top VW bus when I was a little kid, and I really enjoyed those. But my mom and I never really went on road trips. Well, we went to Tijuana once when I was like seven, but that was it.

What made you want to go to Tijuana?
Ask her, because I don't understand it at all. No offense to Tijuana, but a seven-year-old and a woman, at that time in the '70s — it wasn't the safest of areas.

Your character has some interesting layers. What was your favorite aspect of her?
They had written a pretty rounded character, but I was just like, "Let's bring something in that we haven't seen." I wanted her to have a past, to have an edge, because to me that's the modern mom right now, the modern mom that I hang out with. I really wanted to make sure we represented the modern mom — these people who have come from kind of crazy places but have put their lives together and are these incredible moms because they've learned so much by the mistakes of their own parents, but we're also still kind of dark and twisty and edgy, and I kind of love that because I haven't seen that kind of mom represented a lot in movies.

Christina Applegate and Ed Helms having some good, clean fun playing the Griswolds in the family comedy Vacation. HOPPER STONE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PINONEERS

Founding fathers of punditry

Steve Gow
For Metro

"The reason that Vidal (pictured right) and Buckley (left) worked as public figures on TV so much was that they understood the theatre of it," said filmmaker Morgan Neville. HANDOUT

When director Morgan Neville was first presented with old footage of debates between highbrow thinkers Gore Vidal and William F. Buckley, he had no idea it was going to make such great cinema.

"(I thought) there might be a documentary here but we didn't know the context," recalled Neville, who teamed up with co-director Robert Gordon. "Here are these two amazing characters speaking like I don't see people speaking on television today. I felt like it could lead to a lot of interesting places."

Where it led was to an insightful, acclaimed exploration about the moment when television news changed forever in Best of Enemies — the highly-anticipated follow-up to Neville's Oscar-winning film Twenty Feet From Stardom.

During the 1968 Democratic and Republican national conventions, politically-disparate commentators Buckley and Vidal were hired to fill some time for TV's lowliest broadcaster through a series of cheaply-produced debates. In turn, the two men (who apparently detested each other) brought in huge ratings — so much so that their heated exchanges initiated the dawn of pundit news that's so prevalent today.

"In the old TV world, there just wasn't a lot of debate. There wasn't even much commentary on TV news," said Neville, who once held a job as fact-checker for Vidal. "Now we have whole channels that are basically debate or commentary. The reality is it's cheap and you don't need intelligent people throwing out sparks — you just need the sparks. Anyone can do that."

While that may be true, Best of Enemies illustrates that nobody on television today even comes close to competing with the sheer wit, intelligence and impassioned hostility on display in those 1968 battles between Buckley and Vidal.

"I think they had respect for each other insofar as they thought the other was dangerous," said Neville of the two political sages who barely keep from coming to blows in the film.

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Lego the new film on the block

A LEGO BRICKUMENTARY

Documentary builds on the iconic toy's endless appeal

Steve Gow
For Metro

Oscar-nominated filmmakers Kief Davidson and Daniel Junge want to teach you something about Lego.

That's right, Lego — the world-renowned plastic toy brick. Sure, everyone has fond childhood memories of constructing spaceships or houses out of the interlocking blocks. Most can even empathize with the pinching sensation of stepping on a specifically sharp-angled chunk buried in shag carpeting. But Davidson and Junge are banking you don't know everything about Lego.

In the new documentary, A Lego Brickumentary, the co-directing duo take a lighthearted look at Denmark's biggest export — a toy that has been enjoyed by generations and grown into an empire of video games, theme parks and a hit Hollywood movie — not to mention its other astonishing attributes.

"As we realized some of the more serious applications of this so-called toy, that turned out to be surprising," admitted co-director Junge in a recent interview. "How Lego is being used in engineering, architecture, in space."

Life in plastic, it's fantastic for Thorin Finch seen playing with his Lego collection in the new film A Lego Brickumentary. CONTRIBUTED

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> Daniel Junge, co-director of A Lego Brickumentary

Lego as innovation

A Lego Brickumentary unveils just some of the unique ways the simple toy has been adopted by thinkers to design everything from a livable two-storey house to group therapy for kids with autism. "Adults are fascinated about some of the stuff that they had no idea about," said Junge of the toy's innovations. "Things like engineering and city-planning and even therapy."

Lego as community builder

Whether it's the staggering number of fans attending conventions or endorsements by celebrities like singer Ed Sheeran, the film explores the growing communal aspect of Lego. "The expansiveness of the community was surprising," said Junge. "When you've been to one of these conventions and actually experience all that creativity firsthand, it's amazing."

Lego as art

New York-based artist Nathan Sawaya is a central figure in the film. A former lawyer, Sawaya quit to create Lego sculptures that have since amassed many awards and been featured around the globe.

"What he's done is so inspiring," said Davidson. "He's been able to bring art to kids that may have had no exposure to the art world at all. He's made it more acceptable (and) there's no question that his work is having an impact."

MAYBE NOT

Toying with film ideas

Teddy Ruxpin While this talking plush toy would make a terrifying horror film character, it's unlikely to get its own documentary. Toys don't get less interesting than a dopey-looking teddy bear with an antiquated cassette player wedged into its backside.

Stretch Armstong This malleable action figure that could be stretched up to four-feet probably won't be featured in a documentary — unless it's some environmental exposé on how that mysterious goo inside is destroying the ecosystem.

Rubik's Cube This 1980's combination puzzle doesn't have much cinematic merit — unless you enjoy watching frustrated people fiddling with a toy for four hours.

Lite-Brite A simple box housing a 25-watt light bulb illuminating a matrix of holes designed for small colored plastic pegs, Lite-Brite has always been as intense as watching paint dry.

STEVE GOW/FOR METRO

INTERVIEW

Creators of another Wet Hot American Summer reminisce

Ned Ehrbar
Metro | Hollywood

One of the more intriguing entries in Netflix's new, ever-growing roster of original series is Wet Hot American Summer, a prequel to the cult classic comedy from MTV's The State alums David Wain and Michael Showalter — and featuring a before-they-were-stars cast including the likes of Bradley Cooper, Paul Rudd and Amy Poehler.

Were there any reservations about doing a prequel with the same actors almost 15 years later?

Michael Showalter: No, that was an asset. In our mind that was part of the fun of it; the joke being we were too old then, we're way too old now, and instead of making our characters older, we made them younger.

David Wain: It's surprising how much you stop paying attention to it.

MS: One of the big movies from our childhood was Grease, with John Travolta and Olivia Newton John, who are playing high school ... seniors. They're fully adult in that movie. That was sort of our inspiration casting-wise.

How much have you paid attention to the film's fans and what they would expect to learn if you're exploring more of these characters?

DW: To me, I don't think we're serving the fans per se, but I do think we are very caring of this group of characters as fans ourselves in a way.

The cast of the Netflix series Wet Hot American Summer: First Day Of Camp. HANDOUT

It's very important to us to make something that satisfies the fans' desire for more, while at the same time not doing any sort of retread.

What about the new additions to the cast?

DW: Jason Schwartzman plays one of the head counsellors. Lake Bell plays (Showalter's character) Coop's girlfriend who just got back from a trip to Israel.

We have Michael Cera and John Hamm and Chris Pine all playing roles that are too surprising to tell you more about.

We have Michaela Watkins playing a choreographer for the big musical. John Slattery is playing the guest director of the musical.

Kristen Wiig, Josh Charles, even I make an appearance as an Israeli counsellor who poses a threat to Coop.

MS: David's character and my character and Lake Bell's character are in a love triangle.

Without getting into actual figures, how did the budget for this compare to the original film?

DW: I think it was $75 million per episode.

MS: We had Avengers-type numbers. It was an embarrassment of budget. It was so much budget that were just giving people bags of money on the way out.

DW: Basically when you had lunch on set, you could have brownies or you could have Arnold Palmers or just a bag of money. Or all three if you want, if you're that hungry.

That sounds delicious.

DW: Basically the process of doing it was very similar to the original movie, even though in some ways it's obviously different. We're 15 years older and a million things have happened in our careers, but the actual going back to it was like a total mind-trip.

MS: We didn't sleep in bunks. When we made the original, we slept in bunks.

DW: Yeah, we slept in the cabins and ate the camp food.

MS: Well, eventually we stopped eating camp food.

DW: On the original movie the camp cooks made the food for the crew, but it was so bad that even our low-budget, young, hungry crew was like ...

MS: "I can't eat this."

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Notice of Completion of Environmental Project Report

Finch West Maintenance and Storage Facility

The Project

Metrolinx has completed an Environmental Project Report (EPR) in accordance with Ontario Regulation 231/08 for the Finch West Maintenance and Storage Facility (MSF). Metrolinx intends to proceed with the project in accordance with the EPR.

In 2010, the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change issued a Notice to Proceed for the Finch West Light Rail Transit (LRT) including an 11 kilometer section extending from Humber College in northern Etobicoke to Keele Street. The EPR prepared for that project identified the location of the MSF as a potential site to store and maintain light rail vehicles (LRVs), but the report did not address the potential environmental effects of the MSF. Consequently, a new environmental assessment for the Finch West MSF was completed in accordance with the Transit Project Assessment Process.

The new 8 hectare Finch West MSF is required to support the new LRVs that will operate along the Finch West LRT corridor. The Finch West MSF will accommodate a maximum of 75 LRVs with capacity allowance for maintenance and storage of some LRVs for the future Jane Street LRT corridor. Four main buildings will be located on site including the Main Repair Shop Facility, Maintenance of Way Building, Operations Company Building and Electrical Substation. Other elements of the site also include an outdoor storage yard, LRVs hand-over platform, sanding silo, employee parking facilities and stormwater management features. In addition, track connection to the Finch West LRT corridor will be provided from York Gate Boulevard to allow for LRVs access/egress.

The Process

The potential environmental effects of this transit project was assessed and an EPR was prepared according to the transit project assessment process as prescribed in Ontario Regulation 231/08, Transit Projects and Metrolinx Undertakings.

The EPR for the Finch West MSF is now available for a 30-day review period starting **July 31, 2015** on the project website (**www.metrolinx.com/finchwest**) and at the following locations:

Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change
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5775 Yonge Street, 8th Floor
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Interested persons are encouraged to review this document and provide comments by **August 31, 2015** to:

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There are circumstances where the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change has the authority to require further consideration of the transit project or impose conditions on it. These include if the Minister is of the opinion that:

- The transit project may have a negative impact on a matter of provincial importance that relates to the natural environment or has cultural heritage value or interest; or
- The transit project may have a negative impact on a constitutionally protected Aboriginal or treaty right.

Before exercising the authority referred to above, the Minister is required to consider any written objections to the transit project that he or she may receive within 30 days after the Notice of Completion of the EPR is first published.

If you have discussed your issues with the proponent and you object to the project, you can provide a written submission to the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change by no later than **August 31, 2015** to the address provided below. All submissions must clearly indicate that an objection is being submitted and describe any negative impacts to matters of provincial importance (natural/cultural environment) or Aboriginal rights.

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If not already provided, a copy of the objection will be forwarded to the proponent by the ministry.

All personal information included in a submission such as name, address, telephone number and property location is collected, maintained and disclosed by the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change for the purpose of transparency and consultation. The information is collected under the authority of the *Environmental Assessment Act* or is collected and maintained for the purpose of creating a record that is available to the general public as described in s. 37 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. Personal information you submit will become part of a public record that is available to the general public unless you request that your personal information remain confidential. For more information, please contact the Special Project Officer or the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change's Freedom of Information and Privacy Coordinator at 416-327-1434.

The notice was first published on July 31, 2015.

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Barack Obama says climbing Mount Kilimanjaro is on his post-presidency bucket list

Arctic for geeks

A two-week expedition cruise up the coast of Newfoundland and Labrador into northern Quebec offered sweeping vistas as well as cultural and artistic programming. PHOTOS BY JENNIFER FODEN

CRUISE

Travelling remote terrain with authors, artists and culturalists

Jennifer Foden
For Metro

"Hi, Ms. Atwood?" I nervously said, interrupting the Canadian literary icon's walk along the Saint Pierre coastline with her partner, novelist Graeme Gibson. "I'm a huge fan of your work."

Meeting the literary power couple wasn't by chance: We were all travelling on board the Ocean Endeavour, a small cruise ship of 198 passengers.

The vessel is operated by Adventure Canada, a Mississauga, Ont.-based company, which focuses on reaching wilderness destinations in the Arctic and beyond.

Our trip started that day on the French island of Saint Pierre, 275 kilometres southwest of St. John's. The boat then began its journey up the western coast of Newfoundland, followed by the eastern edge of Labrador, allowing passengers to stop and explore Inuit communities like Rose Blanche and Nain, and hike striking landscapes such as Gros Morne and the Torngat Mountains National Parks. The journey would end travelling into Ungava Bay to Nunavik in northern Quebec.

While exploring the Arctic (spotting wildlife and icebergs, reaching remote landscapes via 10-person Zodiac boats) is why many people travel

with Adventure Canada, what really won me over was all the cultural and artistic programming on board. When not exploring the outdoors, guests can attend everything from photography workshops and naturalist talks to book clubs and musical concerts.

My two-week expedition not only welcomed special guests Margaret Atwood and Graeme Gibson, but several notable staff who helped deliver this programming, such as Billy Gautier, an Inuit carver, whose exhibition at the Spirit Wrestler Gallery in Vancouver sold out in 18 minutes; and John Bailey, from Google, who walked the terrain we visited with a Street View camera on his back, visually mapping places that are largely inaccessible. The book nerd in me rejoiced again when I met Terry Fallis, author of The Best Laid Plans, who has twice won the Stephen Leacock Memorial Medal for Humour. There were Inuit culturalists, Arctic explorers, artists and more.

However, it was more than just the staff and special guests who had something to say.

An expedition cruise with programming such as this attracts passengers that are like-minded, those interested in wildlife, the outdoors, photography, exploration, literature, culture, history and more.

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A fellow passenger referenced the atmosphere on board as a Floating TED Talk; someone else fittingly dubbed it the Arctic for geeks.

The writer was a guest of Adventure Canada and Newfoundland & Labrador Tourism. Neither reviewed nor approved the story.

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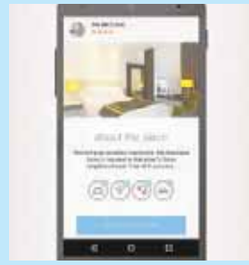

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Scarpetta at Fontainebleau Miami Beach. CONTRIBUTED

NATURE

Comfort campers, now's your time

ON THE MOVE
Loren Christie

With a little more than a month of glorious summer left, I urge everyone to hit our great outdoors. According to the 2015 North American Camping Report, an independent study supported by Kampgrounds of America Inc. (KOA), camping has made a comeback.

The fall in gas prices has resulted in people taking more road trips and those same people are spending more nights camping while they travel. Among campers who said that decreased gas prices would impact this year's travel plans, 88 per cent say it would allow them to camp more often and 86 per cent were planning to visit new campgrounds. As well, 72 per cent of Canadian campers surveyed said they intended to visit a provincial park this summer.

If you are curious what nature has to offer, here are a few things to bear mind as you ponder a trip to the great outdoors.

Don't forget the Wi-Fi

You do not have to give up all of your creature comforts. More and more campgrounds, whether privately or publicly owned, offer a handful of campsites for the comfort camper, often complete with a proper bed and linens, chairs, lights, pots and pans and some sort of semi-permanent roof over your head.

Whether they are called yurts, round tent-like structures, or oTENTiks, Parks Canada's cross between an A-frame cabin and a prospector tent, most campgrounds offer an option for those reluctant to rough it.

Although traditionalists may prefer to be off the grid, campgrounds are starting to recognize that doesn't work for everyone.

The KOA study reports that when selecting which campgrounds to visit and stay at, free Wi-Fi ranks as the third-most important amenity, just behind clean bathrooms and a kid-friendly environment. Younger campers say having access to their smartphone is almost as important as toilet paper.

Camping will reduce your stress and improve your family relationships. A third of campers say that camping has a positive impact on their relationships with family and friends and their emotional well-being.

Setting up your tent and prepping meals is an adventure all members of the family can share, and sleeping outside, especially if it's for the first time, is exhilarating.

All it takes to have a successful camping vacation is a little planning. Parks Canada has a great checklist app that includes safety tips, recipes and first-timer advice.

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David makes Jays Goliath

MLB

Jays acquire Price in second blockbuster deal of week

When the Toronto Blue Jays could put ace Roy Halladay on the mound every fifth day, Alex Anthopoulos recalled then-general manager J.P. Ricciardi saying that alone made them a great team.

Already believing these Blue Jays are a good team, Anthopoulos on Thursday filled their biggest need by trading for star left-handed pitcher David Price. Left-handed pitching prospects Daniel Norris, Matt Boyd and Jairo Labourt went to the Detroit Tigers.

It didn't matter that the price was three prospects, including the top one in the organization, or that Price is a free agent after the season. Anthopoulos believes Price is the No. 1 starter Toronto hasn't had since Halladay.

"Getting guys like Price, that type of impact, those (No.) 1 starters, they can make you a great team all by themselves," Anthopoulos said at a news conference. "It's more a reflection on the belief of the guys we have right now, what we have on the roster. We think we're a good team, and adding a guy like Price we think makes us that much stronger and will give us a chance to win."

Daniel Norris is among the players headed to Detroit in exchange for David Price. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

With the Blue Jays entering play on Thursday two games back of the Minnesota Twins for the second American League wild card, they may suddenly be favourites to make the playoffs with Price. He is an all-star who won the AL Cy Young Award in 2012 with the Tampa Bay Rays.

The 29-year-old is 9-4 this season with a 2.53 earned-run average. In his major-league career, Price is 95-55 with a 3.13 ERA and 1,285 strikeouts in 1,367-1/3 innings, including a 7-0 record at Rogers Centre.

For the next two months Price headlines a rotation that includes R.A. Dickey, Drew Hutchison, Mark Buehrle and Marco Estrada. He's on rotation to start as soon as Sunday against the Kansas City Royals but could also pitch Monday against the Twins.

This trade came in the same week as the Blue Jays traded for shortstop Troy Tulowitzki and reliever LaTroy Hawkins. While Tulowitzki is signed to a long-term deal, Price is a rental player who will command a hefty salary this off-season.

Price, who was traded from the Rays to the Tigers at the deadline a year ago, is making $19.75 million US in the final year of his contract. Anthopoulos said he was not yet dwelling on the possibility of re-signing Price, which could be a difficult task.

"I think every team in baseball would love to have this guy on their team long term," he said. "We've just got to get in the line." THE CANADIAN PRESS

THE NUMBERS

$19,750,000: Price's salary for 2015
0: Years left on Price's contract
9-4: Price's record
2.53: Price's ERA
7-0: Price's career record at the Rogers Centre
16-2: Price's career record vs. Toronto
5: All-star game appearances
12: Likely 2015 starts left
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13: Games left vs. Yankees
2*: Games behind wild card
13: Games left vs. teams ahead of them in the wild-card race

*Stats prior to games on Thursday
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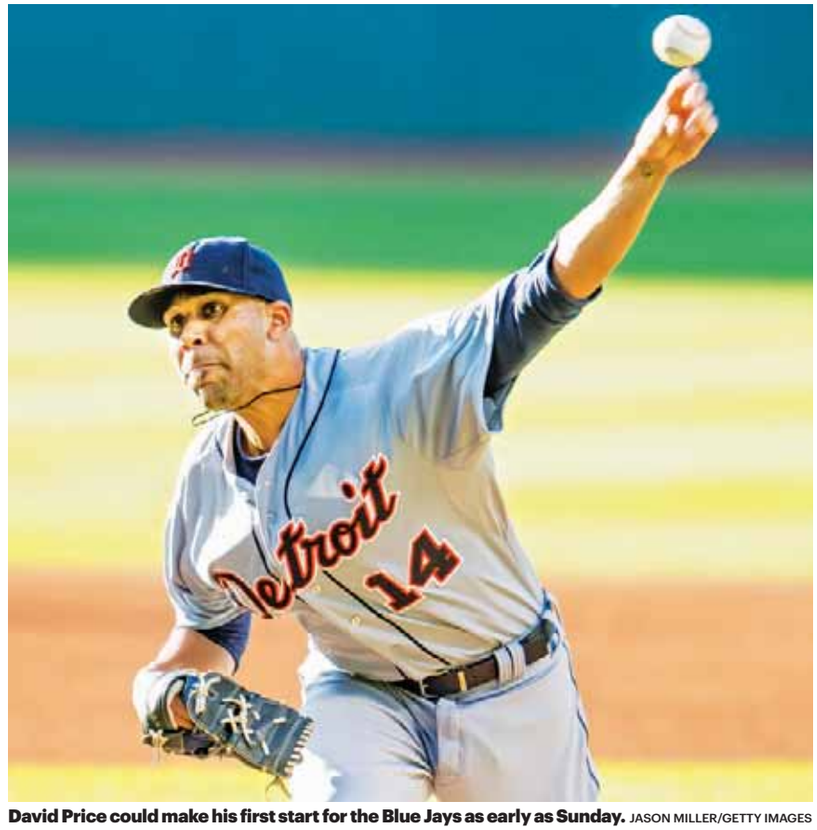

David Price could make his first start for the Blue Jays as early as Sunday. JASON MILLER/GETTY IMAGES

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Blue Jays flush Royals
Dioner Navarro, Russell Martin and Josh Donaldson each hit a home run as Toronto beat AL-leading Kansas City in the opener of a four-game series.

Trades infuse Toronto with baseball fever

Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

The baseball buzz is back in town.

This week's changes to the Blue Jays roster have, almost instantly, sent the expectations of fans and analysts soaring to new heights.

"This is a game changer for the city as a whole," Tom Dakers said about new pitcher David Price and shortstop Troy Tulowitzki.

The team is now no doubt "a legitimate contender" for a title, said die-hard fan Leo Mui.

"It's been 22 years since the Jays made the playoffs, for God's sake," he said, remembering the disappointment he felt last year when a push towards making the post-season fell just short.

"We are going to be the city that finally has that baseball buzz we really haven't had this late in the season for many, many years."

Dakers, who writes for bluebirdbanter.com, was in Toronto when the Jays clinched their first World Series in 1992. He remembers the excitement that rippled across the city — sports fan or not.

"That was magical. You probably had four million fans following the game," he said. "Last week, I'd have given this team a one-tenth chance of making the playoffs. Right now? I'm glad I'll be home in October."

Blue Jays fans check out newly made David Price jerseys on Thursday. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

IN BRIEF

Latos joins Dodgers in 13-player trade
The first-place Los Angeles Dodgers have bolstered their pitching staff, acquiring Mat Latos from the Miami Marlins and Alex Wood, Jim Johnson and Luis Avilan from the Atlanta Braves in a 13-player deal.

The rebuilding Braves also gave up top infield prospect Jose Peraza in Thursday's trade, paying a hefty price largely to land 30-year-old Cuban infielder Hector Olivera at a steep discount. Atlanta also got left-handed reliever Paco Rodriguez and minor-league pitcher Zachary Bird from Los Angeles.

Los Angeles also acquired first baseman Michael Morse from Miami and injured pitcher Bronson Arroyo from the Braves.

Miami got three minor leaguers from the Dodgers and sent a draft pick to Atlanta. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Gomez dealt to Astros
The Astros have added another bat to their lineup as they make a push for the post-season, acquiring two-time All-Star outfielder Carlos Gomez from the Milwaukee Brewers.

Houston, which also received right-hander Mike Fiers in the deal, sent four prospects to the Brewers: left-hander Josh Hader, right-hander Adrian Houser and outfielders Brett Phillips and Domingo Santana. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Rio water under fire again
The waters where Olympians will compete in swimming and boating events next summer in South America's first games are rife with human sewage and present a serious health risk for athletes, as well as for visitors to the iconic beaches of Rio de Janeiro.

An Associated Press investigation found dangerously high levels of viruses and bacteria from sewage in Olympic venues, though an Olympic official said Thursday there are no plans to press for authorities to monitor for viruses, which many experts consider the biggest problem. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Didier Drogba at Saputo Stadium in Montreal on Thursday.
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Drogba meets the masses in Montreal

There's no question that Montreal soccer fans count Didier Drogba as a superstar.

The former Chelsea striker was met with chants and long applause at a news conference attended by media and hundreds of the MLS club's fans in Montreal on Thursday night.

Drogba will meet his new teammates on Friday but will need time to train with them and work on his conditioning before he can play in a match.

For now, he just wants to fit in.

"I wasn't a superstar before I joined big teams like Marseille and Chelsea and the others, so I know how it feels," he said. "A superstar is just the way people look at you, but in the dressing room you're the same....

"We are human beings. All I can try to do is give back to those players who want to learn, and I think I am also going to learn from them."

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TFC will wait and see with Giovinco

MLS

Top playmaker questionable for Revs match

Surrounded by coaches and trainers, Toronto FC star Sebastian Giovinco worked out separately from his teammates Thursday afternoon.

The forward was allowed to sleep in after returning in the wee hours from the MLS all-star game in Denver, where Toronto medical staff had determined he should not play because of an ongoing heel bruise.

"It's day-to-day," said Toronto manager Greg Vanney.

The diminutive Italian has been managing the injury, usually with a lesser training load at the start of the week. Complicating the matter is the fact Toronto's next game is on New England's artificial turf.

Toronto FC coach Greg Vanney is hesitant to play Sebastian Giovinco on artificial turf this weekend in New England with the attacking midfielder nursing a heel bruise.
STEVE RUSSELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

"We'll see where we are come Saturday, obviously understanding too that it's turf," Vanney said prior to Giovinco's workout. "We'll take the necessary precautions along the way. But (Thursday) will be pretty telling ... just to see if he's feeling like he does every week or if it's any worse this week."

The good news is the Atomic Ant looked spry in his solo workout.

With Giovinco having scored or assisted on 23 of Toronto's 31 goals, it's no wonder they are monitoring him closely.

And Toronto's training room is already full.

Captain Michael Bradley is out for seven to 10 days with a calf issue. Also missing are defenders Ashtone Morgan (adductor strain), Clement Simonin (knee) and Nick Hagglund (appendix) and forward Luke Moore (ankle).

Midfielder Collen Warner is suspended for yellow-card accumulation.

The good news is that striker Jozy Altidore, who replaced Giovinco in the all-star game, is good to go. Newly signed defender Ahmed Kantari is also ready, although Vanney may try to restrict his minutes with a busy schedule ahead.

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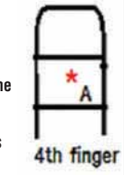

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2. Melt chocolate and evaporated milk on high for approx. 30 seconds. Whisk until smooth. Cool. (If too thick, add more evaporated milk.) Pour over top of frozen yogurt. Top with coloured sprinkles. Freeze until serving.

3. With a wet knife, gently remove brownies from tray. Slice in half.

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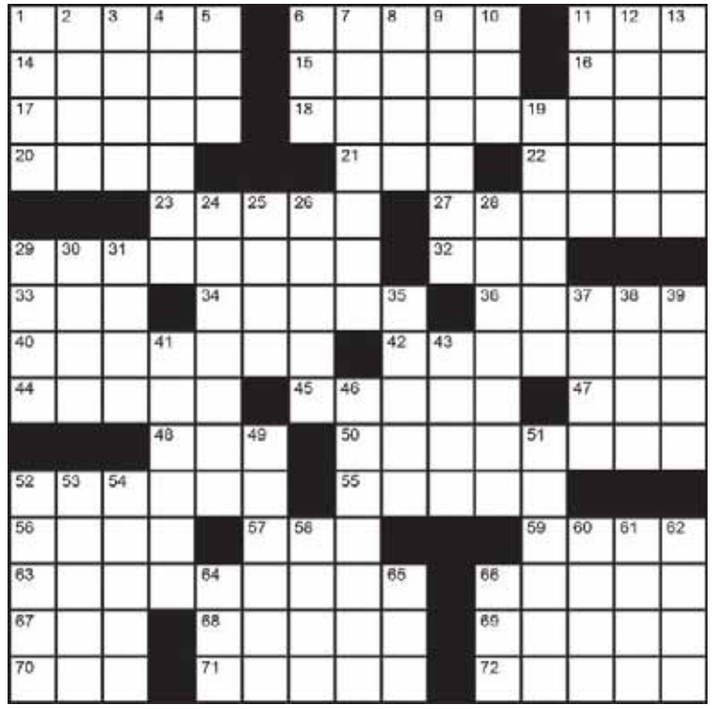

ACROSS
1. Kilt-wearer's dance
6. Fearing-one's suffix
11. Intl. clock standard
14. Hawaiian-style veranda
15. Glass: French
16. Whopper
17. Squirrel's prize
18. Heavy pole event at #63-Across: 2 wds.
20. Madonna's first hubby's surname
21. Dog's physician, commonly
22. Aid and _
23. Basket-making fibre
27. Cantankerous
29. Go-Go's water skiing video hit
32. Mr. Beatty
33. Baffin, e.g.
34. By _ _ (How close races are won)
36. "_ at 'em!"
40. Scottish Highland kilt pouch
42. Twinkle
44. Up to now: 2 wds.
45. Smooth transition
47. Watering _ (Gardener's prop)
48. Matterhorn, for one
50. Ontario village (southeast of Ottawa) where #63-Across is held each summer
52. Silent movie's in-distress role
55. German Shepherd or Labrador
56. Odd mixture
57. Writer Ms. LeShan
59. Red-wax covered cheese
63. July 31st to August 1st, 2015: _ Highland Games
66. Canadian sweets shop, _ Secord
67. Mr. Somerhalder
68. Accepted practice
69. Venerated villager
70. Nav. designation
71. Attach a patch: 2 wds.
72. Analyze

DOWN
1. Envelope part
2. Wedding gown trim
3. Aware of, as a surprise: 2 wds.
4. C.S. Lewis fantasy land
5. _ and tonic
6. _ _ _ piping
7. Angelic abodes
8. "...there _ _ square."
9. Cape Island link
10. 'Musket' suffix
11. Shakespeare's _ (Playhouse for The Bard's works)
12. Scrooge
13. Petulant
19. Two-seated bicycle
24. Shake up
25. Ms. Yothers of "Family Ties"
26. Common _ (Birds on Canadian dollar coins)
28. Alleviate
29. Traveler's documentation
30. Snake sorts
31. Be overly sweet
35. Actress Samantha of 1967 movie musical "Doctor Dolittle"
37. Gladiator's 2150
38. The Food Network creation
39. Coastal bird, variantly
41. Cause
43. Sumptuous
46. Trade blockade
49. Courteous word
51. Epitomes
52. Stray calf [var. sp.]
53. Edgar Poe link
54. Demeanors
58. Attraction
60. Lemons/turkeys
61. Region
62. Peter, Paul & _
64. Paul Simon song line: "Hop on the bus, _..."
65. Hankering
66. Pastureland

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
Be careful how you react to criticism today. If you let your enemies see that your feelings are hurt they will go out of their way to hurt you further. Pretend that you are not the slightest bit bothered.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
You find it hard to be modest, but today you would be wise not to draw attention to your superiority because there is something you have missed that could make you look very silly.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
The best way to get over your negative mood is to throw yourself into an activity that you enjoy. It doesn't have to be important, just something that takes your mind off your worries.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
You want to speak your mind today, but be warned: you could be the one who is the topic of conversation if you stray from the facts. What others say won't be pleasant.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
This is not a good time to say or do anything that might meet the disapproval of people in power. Yes, there are facts that need to be looked at but don't make a big deal of it.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
If you tread on someone's toes today the consequences could be painful for both of you! Minor differences could escalate quite rapidly into major disputes, so steer clear of people who offend easily.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
The most important thing now is that you act as if you care, even if you don't. Others are counting on you to raise their spirits and if you are as nice a person as they say you are you will tell them what they need to hear.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You are never afraid to be controversial but today there is a danger that you will go too far and make an enemy of someone powerful. You may be brave, but ask yourself: is it worth the hassle?

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Don't neglect the needs of those you love in your haste to make a name for yourself on the work front. You could all too easily turn people against you.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
If you help someone today they will repay the favour later, when you are the one in need. In a nutshell: be kind to others and they will more likely be kind to you.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
The time has come to end some kind of partnership. It won't be easy but you know it must be done. In the long-term it will be good for you both.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
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Examples: 2015 Ram 1500 Quad Cab SXT 4x4 (25A+AGR+XFH)/2015 Ram 1500 Crew Cab SXT 4x4 (25A+AGR+XFH) with a Purchase Price of $27,887/$29,914 with a $0 down payment, financed at 0% for 72 months equals 156 bi-weekly payments of $179/$192 with a cost of borrowing of $0 and a total obligation of $27,887/$29,914. ◊$10,500 in Total Discounts is available on new 2015 Ram 1500 models (excluding Reg Cab) and consists of $8,500 in Consumer Cash Discounts, $1,500 in Ram Truck Loyalty/Conquest Bonus Cash and $500 Bonus Cash. See your retailer for complete details. •$500 Bonus Cash is available on select new 2014/2015 Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep or Ram models at participating retailers from July 18 to 31, 2015. Bonus Cash will be deducted from the negotiated purchase/lease price before taxes. Excludes 2014 Chrysler 200 LX, 2015 Chrysler 200, 2014 Dodge Avenger CVP, 2015 Jeep Renegade (all models), 2014/2015 Dodge Grand Caravan CVP, 2014/2015 Dodge Journey CVP and SE Plus, 2014/2015 Dodge Dart (all models), 2015 Dodge Charger SRT Hellcat, 2015 Dodge Challenger SRT Hellcat, 2014/2015 Jeep Wrangler Sport, 2014/2015 Jeep Patriot (all models), 2014/2015 Jeep Compass Sport (select models), 2014/2015 Jeep Cherokee (all models), 2014/2015 Ram Cargo Van, 2014/2015 Ram 1500 Regular Cab, ProMaster City and all 2014/2015 FIAT models. Offer available at participating Atlantic and Ontario retailers only. See retailer for complete details and exclusions. ➢2.99% purchase financing for up to 96 months available on select new 2015 models through RBC, Scotiabank and TD Auto Finance. Retailer order/trade may be necessary. Examples: 2015 Ram 1500 Quad Cab SXT 4x4 (25A+AGR+XFH)/2015 Ram 1500 Crew Cab SXT 4x4 (25A+AGR+XFH) with a Purchase Price of $27,887/$29,914 with a $998/$998 down payment, financed at 2.99% for 96 months equals 208 bi-weekly payments of $146/$156 with a cost of borrowing of $3,377/$3,632 and a total obligation of $31,264.34/$33,545.93. ΩFinance Pull-Ahead Bonus Cash is available to eligible customers on the retail purchase/lease of select 2015/2016 Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep, Ram or FIAT models until July 31, 2015. Bonus Cash will be deducted from the negotiated price after taxes. Excludes 2015 Dodge Challenger/Charger SRT Hellcat and 2015 Dodge Viper. Eligible customers include all original and current owners of a Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep, Ram or FIAT model with an eligible finance or lease contract maturing after January 1, 2015. Trade-in not required. See retailers for complete details. ➢➢Non-prime financing available on approved credit. Financing example: 2015 Ram 1500 Quad Cab SXT 4x4 (25A+AGR+XFH) with a Purchase Price of $27,887, with a $0 down payment, financed at 4.99% over 84 months, equals 182 bi-weekly payments of $182 with a cost of borrowing $5,211 and a total finance obligation of $33,097.79. *Consumer Cash Discounts are deducted from the negotiated price before taxes. »$1,500 Ram Truck Loyalty/Conquest/Skilled Trades Bonus Cash is available on the retail purchase/lease of 2015 Ram 1500 (excludes Regular Cab), 2014/2015 Ram 2500/3500, 2014/2015 Ram Cab & Chassis trucks, or 2015 Ram Cargo Van and is deducted from the negotiated price after taxes. Eligible customers include: 1. Current owners/lessees of a Dodge or Ram Pickup Truck or Large Van or any other manufacturer's Pickup Truck or Large Van. The vehicle must have been owned/leased by the eligible customer and registered in their name on or before July 1, 2015. Proof of ownership/lease agreement will be required. 2. Customers who are skilled tradesmen or are acquiring a skilled trade. This includes Licensed Tradesmen, Certified Journeymen or customers who have completed an Apprenticeship Certification. A copy of the Trade Licence/Certification required. 3. Customers who are Baeumler Approved service providers. Proof of membership is required. Limit one $1,500 bonus cash offer per eligible truck transaction. Some conditions apply. See your retailer for complete details. §Starting From Prices for vehicles shown include Consumer Cash Discounts and do not include upgrades (e.g., paint). Upgrades available for additional cost. ♦Based on IHS Automotive: Polk Canadian Total New Vehicle Registrations data comparing calendar year-end market share and volume for 2014 versus 2010 for all large pickups sold in in the province of Ontario. Ram large pickup segment as defined by FCA Canada Inc. ™The SiriusXM logo is a registered trademark of SiriusXM Satellite Radio Inc.

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